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Outline map of the United States to show the States in 1800 and then the Purchase.

The Americans were destined by their location to control the West

Settlements of 1800 and the westward trend shown by animated map of North America.

By 1800 37% of United States commerce went through the Spanish port of New Orleans

(Shown by animated map)

Principal trade route: down Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans.  
Boundaries of Spanish territory

On the lower Mississippi

Shown by moving pictures

Old Parts of New Orleans

Shown by moving pictures

France acquired Louisiana territory and enforced restrictions on United States trade thru New Orleans

Boundaries of Louisiana Purchase shown by animated map of North America.

To acquire this port, the United States bought Louisiana Territory in 1803

Acquisition shown by animated map and titles:

"Spanish until 1802," "French territory, 1802-1803"

"Acquired by United States, 1803"

The Lewis and Clark expedition was sent to explore this new territory

Shown by animated map - location of St. Louis at  
Junction of Mississippi and Missouri rivers

Captain Meriwether Lewis

Portrait shown

Captain William Clark

Portrait shown



In 1804 the expedition started from St. Louis - then only a frontier village

Map is outlined preparatory to marking out the route of the expedition

Working up Missouri River, they wintered at Fort Mandan, 1804-5

Route: (Shown by animated map) up the Missouri River from St. Louis to Mandan N. D.

Through country like this they made their way

Moving pictures show character of this country, particularly in the northwest, especially, the Bad Lands of the Dakotas.

The expedition encountered friendly Indians - - -

Friendly Indians shown by moving pictures

- - - and the shaggy bison, or American buffalo

Buffalo herd shown by moving pictures

In 1805 the party crossed the Rockies and reached the Pacific

Route: (Shown by animated map) from Mandan up the Missouri River to its source, thence up the Jefferson stream to the outer range, along Lemhi Pass, down the Salmon River to a point just north of Astoria on the Pacific Ocean.

The explorers found country like this

Rocky Mountain and Oregon territory shown by moving pictures

In the Yellowstone River country

This region shown by moving pictures

The Columbia River exploration paved the way for America's later expansion to the Pacific

Pacific shore shown by moving pictures

On the return trip (1806) other routes were explored

Explorations shown by animated map:

- (1) south from main path between mountains passes to point below 45th parallel, northeasterly along source of Missouri River
- (2) breaking off at the source of the Missouri and following the Yellowstone River to its confluence with the Missouri
- (3) leaving the main trail on the trip west at a point that goes directly north to north branch of the source stream of the Missouri River.

The expedition made known the importance of land beyond the "Louisiana Purchase" and stimulated its settlement

Typical scenes shown by picture



Pioneer trappers

Scene of two trappers drying skins before their cabin

Congress divided these new lands into (1) Territory of New Orleans. (2) District of Louisiana

Shown by animated map.

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